

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1-15. (Previously Cancelled).
16. (Currently Amended) A lining element for the interior of a vehicle, in particular a motor vehicle comprising:
 - a base part;
 - a surface side facing the interior of the vehicle and suitable for emitting light;
 - at least one angled mirrored surface distributed in the lining element to reflect light there from; and
 - a translucent covering layer wherein the covering layer is designed to be elastically compressible.
17. (Previously Presented) The lining element as claimed in claim 16, wherein the base part is a light generator.
18. (Currently Amended) The lining element as claimed in claim 17, wherein the translucent covering layer comprises an elastomer has an at least partially foamed structure.
19. (Currently Amended) The lining element as claimed in claim 18, wherein the translucent covering layer comprises two plastic films and a gel-like substance arranged between two plastic films.
20. (Currently Amended) The lining element as claimed in claim 17, wherein the base part comprises at least one electroluminescent film, organic light-emitting diode and poly light-emitting diode.
21. (Currently Amended) The lining element as claimed in claim 20, wherein the translucent covering layer comprises an elastomer that is at least one of EPDM, silicone and polyurethane.
22. (Previously Presented) The lining element as claimed in claim 21, wherein the elastomer has a hardness of 20 to 70 Shore A.

23. (Previously Presented) The lining element as claimed in claim 16, wherein the base part is designed as a plate-like optical conductor, which is operationally associated with a light generator.

24. (Currently Amended) The lining element as claimed in claim 23, wherein the optical conductor comprises at least one of PMMA and PC material having a structure allowing an output of light on the surface side of the optical conductor facing the interior.

25. (Previously Presented) The lining element as claimed in claim 16, wherein the covering layer comprises a layer of a gel-like substance covered toward the interior of the vehicle by a plastic film.

26. (Previously Presented) The lining element as claimed in claim 25, wherein the plastic film on the side of the interior has a thickness of 0.1 to 1.5 mm.

27. (Previously Presented) The lining element as claimed in claim 26, wherein the covering element has a thickness overall of 1.0 to 5.0 mm.

28. (Previously Presented) The lining element as claimed in claim 25 wherein the gel-like substance has a dynamic viscosity of 0.01 to 10 Pa·s.

29. Cancelled.

30. (Currently Amended) The lining element as claimed in claim 16, wherein the translucent covering layer has an optical transmissivity in the visible spectral range of 1 to 25%.

31. (Currently Amended) A lining element comprising:
a base part;
a surface side facing the interior of the vehicle and suitable for emitting light;
at least one angled mirrored surface distributed in the lining element to reflect light there from; and
a covering layer.

32. (Currently Amended) The lining element as claimed in claim 31, wherein the covering layer is generally elastically compressible.

33. (Previously Presented) The lining element as claimed in claim 31, wherein the covering layer translucent.

34. (Previously Presented) The lining element as claimed in claim 33, wherein the translucent covering layer has an optical transmissivity in the visible spectral range of 5 to 10%.

35. (Currently Amended) The lining element as claimed in claim 33, wherein the translucent covering layer comprises an elastomer comprising an at least partially formed structure.

36. (Currently Amended) The lining element as claimed in claim 35, wherein the elastomer comprises at least one of EPDM, silicone and polyurethane material.

37. (Previously Presented) The lining element as claimed in claim 35, wherein the elastomer has a hardness of approximately 40 Shore A.

38. (Previously Presented) The lining element as claimed in claim 31, wherein the covering layer comprises a layer of a gel-like substance covered toward the interior of the vehicle by means of a film.

39. (Currently Amended) The lining element as claimed in claim 38, wherein the film comprises a plastic material.

40. (Previously Presented) The lining element as claimed in claim 38, wherein the gel-like substance has a dynamic viscosity of approximately 0.1 to 1 Pa·s.

41. (Previously Presented) The lining element as claimed in claim 38, wherein the gel-like substance is arranged between two plastic films.

42. (Previously Presented) The lining element as claimed in claim 41, wherein the plastic film has a thickness of approximately 0.5 mm to approximately 1.0 mm.

43. (Previously Presented) The lining element as claimed in claim 31, wherein the covering layer has a thickness overall of approximately 2.0 mm to approximately 3.0 mm.

44. (Currently Amended) The lining element as claimed in claim 31, wherein the base plate is a generally plate-like optical conductor comprising at least one of PMMA and PC material.

45. (Currently Amended) The lining element as claimed in claim 31, wherein the base part is a light generator comprising at least one of electroluminescent film, organic light-emitting diode and poly light-emitting diode.